

## **PATENT APPLICATION**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: J. Brier
HIDEAKI OHSHIMA, et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2672
Application No.: 09/176,274	)	RECEIVED
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING	)	Technology Center 260
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MEMORY		December 10, 2002

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2002 for three months from September 10, 2002 to December 10, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$920.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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